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1. LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM PRESIDENT NYERERE GIVEN TO ME
NIGHT OF AUGUST 16. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING TRANSMITTED VIA
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

16TH AUGUST, 1977
HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER,
THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
U.S.A.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
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IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION
OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND KINDNESS WHICH YOU EXTENDED TO ME
PERSONALLY AND TO MY COLLEAGUES DURING MY EXTREMELY
USEFUL AND VERY PLEASANT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY VISIT WAS CERTAINLY OUR TALKS TOGETHER AND THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH YOU SHOWED ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MEETING YOUR COLLEAGUES AND SOME INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WAS ALSO VERY VALUABLE; I HOPE THAT BY MY TALKS WITH THEM I HAVE HELPED YOU TO PURSUE YOUR OBJECTIVE OF USING AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM FOR RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, AND AN END TO APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.

IN MY NECESSARILY BRIEF STOPS IN THE DIFFERENT STATES OF YOUR COUNTRY, I SPOKE FREQUENTLY ON THE SAME SUBJECT - VERY OFTEN IMPROMPTU ALTHOUGH I ALSO MADE A MORE FORMAL SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO. I HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT EMBARRASSED YOU AT ALL BY SPEAKING SOMETIMES MORE AS A POLITICIAN THAN AS A STATE VISITOR* BUT IT SEEMED TO ME THAT IN YOUR DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY IT COULD DO NO HARM TO URGE LEADING MEMBERS OF YOUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY, FOR I DO REALISE THAT YOU WILL ALSO HAVE TO FACE SOME CRITICISM OF IT FROM MORE REACTIONARY CITIZENS.

EVERYWHERE MY COLLEAGUES AND I STAYED WE WERE RECEIVED WITH WARMTH AND KINDNESS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT MY VISIT HAS THEREFORE HELPED TO BREAK DOWN THE STEREOTYPES WHICH EXIST IN THE MINDS OF OUR PEOPLE (AND EVEN SOME OF OUR OFFICIALS) ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION,
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THE FARMS WE VISITED IN IOWA AND GEORGIA, AND THE DAVIS CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WERE VERY EDUCATIONAL FOR US. AND WE WERE IMPRESSED BY OUR BRIEF GLIMPSE OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY, FROM WHICH WE CAN LEARN THINGS OF VALUE FOR OUR OWN RUFJI BASIN AUTHORITY. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE QUITE A NUMBER OF TANZANIAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN THESE DIFFERENT AREAS.

MAY I ASK YOU TO CONVEY TO MRS. CARTER MY WARM GREETINGS AND THANKS; IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET HER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEND MY GREETINGS TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. WHOM I HOPE HAS RECOVERED FROM HIS INDISPOSITION, AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF WHO JOINED US IN OUR DISCUSSIONS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU HOW WELL MY COLLEAGUES AND I WERE LOOKED AFTER BY AMBASSADOR DOBELLE AND HIS STAFF.

FINALLY, I WAS VERY PLEASED AND ALSO RELIEVED TO RECEIVE YOUR REASSURING MESSAGE YESTERDAY. MY MEETING WITH MR. VANCE HAD CONFIRMED, IF CONFIRMATION WAS NECESSARY, YOUR SERIOUSNESS AND DETERMINATION TO HELP US TO END THIS RHODESIAN PROBLEM. BUT MY SPIRITS WERE

SOMEWHAT DAMPENED BY A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH
DR. OWEN. I HAVE SINCE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM
MR. CALLAGHAN, THE RESULT OF WHICH IS TO CONFIRM MY
WORRY ABOUT BRITISH INTENTIONS CONCERNING THE SMITH
ARMY AND THE FUTURE OF THE FORCES OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
AMBASSADOR SPAIN WILL HAVE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE BASIS
OF MY WORRY.

THIS LETTER, MR. PRESIDENT, COMES TO YOU WITH MY
VERY WARMEST PERSONAL GOOD WISHES. IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE
TO TALK WITH YOU, AND TO FEEL THAT I NOW HAVE A NEW
FRIEND, AS WELL AS AN UNDERSTANDING LEADER OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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YOURS VERY SINCERELY,

JULIS K. NYERERE

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